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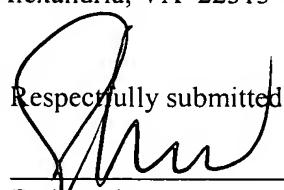
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 2. Kausch, et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,508,164 issued 04/16/96
 3. Ewart, et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,922,537 issued 07/13/99
 4. An, et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,972,615 issued 10/26/99
 5. Blackburn, et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,264,825 issued 07/24/01

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6. Yguerabide, et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,214,560 issued 04/10/01
7. International Patent WO 94/29484 published 12/22/94
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9. Mohanty J., et al., "Pulsed laser excitation of phosphate stabilized silver nanoparticles," *Proc. Indian Acad.*, Vol. 112, No. 1, p. 63-72 (2000)
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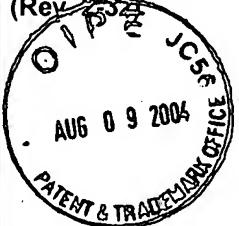
Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

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